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New frequency good.

New frequency with 1kc vice 500cps carrier frequency good.

100 watts good.

Digital modes bad.

DX chasing cross band(split frequency) VERY BAD!

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A new frequency is absolutely needed. One that ends on a even frequency will simplifies the use of many available surplus commercial & military radios which also find utility in emergency services.

Though I like very much the current 50 watt ERP limit, I can see the advantage of rasing this to 100 watts. I use a lot of commercial/military equipment. These do not lend themselves well to reduced power operation. These radios must be opened up, & tuned back to 50 watts which then limits their versitiliy on other bands. Radio produced by Transworld, Mackay, Sunair, Harris, & a host of others currently in use by many government agencies are sop affected. I currently use as a Transworld TW100 to continuously monitor the 60 meter band. I've adjusted it's output power as low as it would go to achieve 50 watts ERP & is now dedicated solely to 60 meter use.

Digital modes bad. I originally thought this might be a good thing, but no longer. A very good demonstration took place a couple nights ago. Several East Coast operators, wrongly thinking that 30 days had passed & that is was now legal, fired up digital traffic on 60 meters. They were unable to hear traffic on the West Coast and caused them significant interference. There was no way to advise them of interference they were causing. Those operators on the West Coast just had to vacate the frequency.

DX chasing on 60 meters has become a very serious problem that if not stopped very soon may threaten 60 meter operation for all Amateurs. Over that last week DX chasers have set up automated/recorded calling messages. Sometimes just repeating their call over & over again at length. All the while they listen for a response on another band from a DX station. You can not even advise them when they are causing interference because they are listening elsewhere. We've all seen this destroy other bands for normal Amateur operation. Pleas don't let it happen on 60mtrs. DX chasing of any kind totally defeats the purpose of 60 meters. At least,

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possibly simplex only should be mandated except for emergency traffic handling on 60 meters.

For multiple reasons there should be mandatory stop/listen intervals to check for an additional traffic, or other that need access to the frequency.

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HFpack/Milpack Monitor(all USB):

3996, 5403.5, 7296, 14342.5, 18157.5